

Education Commission

2020-09-15 meeting minutes

- Call to order 7:06pm – Tiana
- Motion to approve 8/18/2020 minutes - approved
- Aldermanic introduction
 - Discussed previous Education Commission
 - Focused on providing afterschool program funding
 - The goal for this commission is to help the city help the public school system
 - Brainstormed budget and funding options
 - Grants, stipends, etc would need to be a direct request
 - Last EC had ~\$25,000/year for various programs, mainly focused on afterschool program funding
 - Discussed high-level goals re: projects, programs, and what this commission should be asking for—we might request programs/funding that FCPS doesn't request
- Discussed “Tech Equity” again. Tiana mentioned that it could be beneficial to provide training for *parents*, as they are on the front line of their children's education now
- “Are there any opportunities to provide technical training (virtual learning) to parents?”
 - The opinion is that funding may only support a small fraction of students/parents
- Adriana suggested an idea for grants for working parents/families to enroll children in childcare programs
- Where might we be able to meet with parents one-on-one to convey technology information
 - Even a location to provide postcards with a website could be helpful
- What are the top problems/complaints about virtual learning?
 - Schoology
 - Google Meet
 - Zoom
- <https://www.fcps.org/technology>
- Does FCPS know/document the top complaints?
- Erin mentioned a few known problems
 - Logging in and navigating Schoology
 - Checking grades
 - Times of training and view videos
 - FCPS may be tracking a list of students who are and are not logging in
- Donna mentioned another known problem
 - Students that don't speak English as a first language are a problem
- It would be a success if we helped *some people* and not necessarily focus on helping everyone
- Discussed organizational techniques for the commission
- Tiana recommended EC members try to be on the Youth Forum call this Friday to hear from students in the community about their problems
- Motion to adjourn 8:07pm - Tiana
 - Seconded – Caleb and David